

Department of Workforce Services
Office of Child Care Advisory Committee
Minutes for Wednesday January 11, 2012

Committee Attendees:

Shari Skaja	Renee Olesen	Christina Varghees
Rhonda Dosset	Katie Ricord	Diane Wilkinson
Simon Bolivar	Janis Dubno	Julia Mohr
Lisa Palmer (Johnny Anderson)		

Guests:

Colleen Murphy	Carrie Stott	Crystal Knippers
Karrie Phillips	Leslie Trottier	

Excused:

Amy Buehler	Sue Okroy	Johnny Anderson
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Welcome

Motion to approve minutes from November
Motion-Katie Ricord
Second-Rhonda Dossett
Approved

Sub Committee Report

Professional Development-

The committee has decided to table the vote for Career Ladder approval for the PFCCA Professional Development Day with Pat Dischler. We will have an email vote after PFCCA provides us with more information. Scholarships for CDA will be changing as of July 1st. Providers will still receive \$325, however, \$150 will be given as a scholarship and the other \$175 will be a loan. Providers will "repay" by having the \$175 deducted from their next Professional Development Award. The PD committee will be discussing how younger providers wish to receive their professional development at the next PD meeting because 56% of the providers actively participating on the Training Registry are under 30 years of age. There are discussions about combining the CCPDI Conference with the State Early Childhood Conference in the spring. That way OCC can support other conferences that are going on in the fall and we can pool our resources toward one awesome statewide conference.

QRIS-

Steve showed the commercial clips. He gave an overview of the Facebook page and the website. Steve introduced the Care about Child Care grants through Lakeshore for providers to apply.

Infant Toddler-

Infant/Toddler-The sub-committee meeting held in December was well attended. There was discussion about expanding the I/T grants to include 2 year old rooms. All agreed that there was a great need in the community for support in two rooms. If this were to happen, it would have to be paid for with the same amount of money we currently have. There is no new money to fund this. After some brainstorming, the group suggested that the Next Steps grant program be capped at two years participation just as Baby Steps has

been. This would free up funds to provide services in two year old rooms. JoEllen Robbins is still looking at options, but we hope to move ahead in September with at least a pilot program, serving some two year old rooms. We are still looking at what the structure of the program would look like and what funding would be available.

Quality Environment Grants-

The 2nd round of Family grants will be released Tuesday the 17th. Just over 50 centers have received a grant. We are working on the plans for next year but don't plan to hold any sub-committees meetings at this time. After July 1st everyone will be eligible for the Quality Environment grant and we will use the criteria for the QRIS instead of core competencies. The maximum dollar amount has not been established. Providers who have received a higher amount of money will be placed on the bottom of the list so others will have the opportunity to obtain a grant. Cribs will not be allowed for these grants. Teleconference for Family QE grants will be on Jan 24th from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Agency Reports

Licensing-

A letter will be mailed out to all facilities with the following information, 1) A brochure with the crib rules. 2) FBI has decided not to receive fingerprint cards, they have to be electronic and that process will begin April 14th. We are trying to find ways to avoid the additional costs. 3) The proposed changes to the rules have been filed with the Division of Administrative Rules and will be up for public comment January 14th, and notification will be mailed out to providers on the 13th.

The file check portion of the database is working well and no complaints have been received from parents.

USOE-

Pre-school standards are completed and will be presented to the State Board of Education for approval next week. They will be open for statewide feedback. Final approval is scheduled for February.

Legislative bill-Senator Osmond will propose a pre-school pilot focusing on public and private partnerships. Utahchildren.org has a list of Legislative priorities which are updated weekly.

Public Comment

There were questions about the crib grants. OCC has received a lot of calls. March 30th is the deadline.

The ECC Conference is on April 14th from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm at the UVU campus.

There will be a Council rep training on the 13th for those who applied and chosen by council.

Adjourn. Next meeting will be March 14 and will start at 10:30 am.